Sustainability Intern with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

About Keep Indianapolis Beautiful

Each year Keep Indianapolis Beautiful supports an average of 500 community improvement projects with more than 30,000 volunteers. KIB partners with neighborhoods, the public sector and community groups and businesses to achieve our vision for a beautiful city. KIB houses a variety of programs all motivated to help people and nature thrive. In particular, the IPL Project GreenSpace program works with communities to transform underused pieces of land into vibrant greenspaces all throughout the city. This engagement with the community continues even after implementation with the Stewardship Program, which provides technical and financial assistance with maintenance and sustainability at all past IPL Project GreenSpaces.

Job description

KIB seeks a graduate-level student to work alongside our Stewardship Coordinator to track sustainability data and relevant archival information on all past KIB GreenSpaces. Previous work included documentation of all GreenSpace projects, site condition assessments, verification of neighborhood engagement and basic stewardship of the space.

The 2020 intern will build upon our current engagement strategies with KIB’s Stewardship Program. Working alongside KIB’s GIS Analyst, the sustainability data collected will be illustrated on an interactive map to measure progress made in the community and the condition of the native landscape and hardscape elements of each space. The position will also have the opportunity to support our community engagement staff in strategizing ways to best support those individuals that are associated with GreenSpace projects and measure if our model of data collection is an effective representation of the maintenance being completed at these spaces. Lastly, the intern will further support the other programs within the Department of Native Landscapes with habitat restoration efforts and initial GreenSpace implementation.
The intern will report to the Native Landscapes Department’s Stewardship Coordinator at KIB, Kelly DeRolf. Compensation will be in the form of a scholarship through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program at IUPUI. The intern will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning in May and ending in August, unless otherwise negotiated. Interns will be required to attend a bootcamp program in May prior to the start date of the internship.

Feedback and evaluation

The intern will be given regular feedback from KIB staff on progress and performance. Success in the internship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner. The intern should learn how a nonprofit organization identifies and works to achieve its goals, how to evaluate the effectiveness of KIB projects, and how to develop and maintain professional relationships.